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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 2, 5 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Obana has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 21. The allowable matter of claim 29 has been incorporated into claim 24. The allowable matter of claim 6 has been incorporated into newly presented claim 31.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

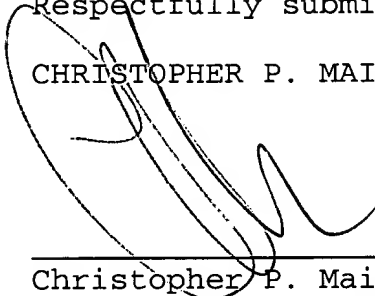
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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